



# Tennessee Electronic Library



This state-of-the-art resource includes tens of millions of documents and is available to every citizen of Tennessee — free!

**It's the easiest  
way to search for  
the Holy Grail  
in Etowah. The  
quickest path to  
the Fountain of  
Youth in Nashville.  
And the most cost-  
effective way  
to find Amelia  
Earhart in Pigeon  
Forge.**

## **Do TEL!**

TEL stands for the Tennessee Electronic Library and represents a rich, diverse library and information compendium that's designed to enhance the learning experience and quality of life of all citizens, students and researchers throughout Tennessee.

Since 1999, TEL has offered select electronic resources from Thomson Gale™, a part of The Thomson Corporation, to every Tennessean from Alcoa to Zu Zu — and all parts in between. TEL provides citizens with access to databases previously accessible at only a relative few, better-funded research libraries, or more centrally located facilities. Available free of charge, TEL allows users to dig into virtual mountains of reference sources and research materials. Some of the resources users will benefit from include: academic and professional journals, almanacs, directories, encyclopedias, magazines and more!

## **TEL IT LIKE IT IS**

TEL offers many exclusive benefits and advantages to statewide libraries and their users. TEL will do your library well because:

- TEL is a bargain. It costs only 14 cents per citizen annually. If libraries purchased the TEL databases independently, the total cost to Tennessee libraries would exceed \$39,000,000!
- TEL levels the urban/rural playing field. It is of special benefit to small and rural libraries as it provides the same comprehensive, award-winning content to users at both small and large libraries across Tennessee.

# SHOW AND TEL

The Thomson Gale databases available from TEL are some of the most vast and dynamic content pools available in the world. The information is accurate, current and comprehensive and addresses all types of information needs — from homework help to health questions to business profiles and Spanish language requirements — in the most convenient format available. They include:

**InfoTrac OneFile®**

**General Reference Center  
Gold®**

**Expanded Academic ASAP®**

**Contemporary Literary  
Criticism® Select**

**Health & Wellness Resource  
Center**

**Health Reference Center  
Academic**

**Computer Database**

**Professional Collection**

**National Newspaper Index**

**iInforme!**

**InfoTrac® Student Edition**

**InfoTrac® Junior Edition**

**InfoTrac® Kids Edition**

**What Do I Read Next?**

**General BusinessFile ASAP  
International**

**Kids InfoBits<sup>SM</sup>**

**InfoTrac® Religion & Philosophy**

- TEL covers many subjects and interests. TEL includes information on health, business, authors, literature and general reference. It's valuable for people of all ages — especially for students.
- TEL saves money locally. The “information explosion” has made it difficult for libraries to sustain the expenditures for materials and space. TEL does much to alleviate this problem.
- TEL attracts businesses locating in our state. Firms are interested in good schools and educational resources such as TEL. They need educated workers with the ability to succeed in today's “knowledge economy.”

## TEL TIME

TEL is available free of charge, 24/7. It can be used and accessed from home, office or school — any location with Internet capabilities! Using the resources available through the TEL system is not dependent on school or library hours of operation — it can be accessed at the time most convenient for you.

To begin using the TEL databases, just visit

**[www.tennessee.gov/tsla/tel](http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/tel)**

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